

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes"	2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

H.R. 2824 – Preventing Government Waste and Protecting Coal Mining Jobs in America Act (Rep. Johnson (OH) – Natural Resources) (One Hour of Debate). This bill would overturn a February 2014 U.S. District Court decision – reinstating a 2008 Bush Administration Interior Department rule regarding stream buffer zones.

Under current law, there must be at least 100 feet between streams and the waste from coal mining in Appalachia, protecting not only wildlife and the environment, but the drinking water and public health of people in the region.

This bill implements a Bush Administration rule that does not effectively enforce that 100 foot buffer. Further, it would require all states to adopt the rule, not just those in Appalachia, and undermines regulatory programs in states that have sought to address this waste. Lastly, the White House has issued a SAP stating that the President's advisors would recommend he veto this bill.

The Rule, which was adopted on March 6, provides for one hour of general debate and makes in order 2 amendments, debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. The amendments are:

Lowenthal Amendment. Requires States to implement the 1983 stream buffer zone rule, unless a State has a program with greater stream protection.

Cartwright/Van Hollen/Lowenthal Amendment. Ensures that states maintain the ability to issue their own stream buffer rules.

Bill Text for H.R. 2824:

[PDF Version](#)

Background for H.R. 2824:

[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)

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Postponed Suspension (1 vote):

- 1) **H.R. 1228** – A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 South 9th Street in De Pere, Wisconsin, as the "Corporal Justin D. Ross Post Office Building", as amended (Rep. Ribble – Oversight and Government Reform)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Wednesday, March 26: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to begin consideration of [H.R. 1459](#) – Ensuring Public Involvement in the Creation of National Monuments Act (Rep. Bishop (UT) – Natural Resources) (Subject to a Rule).

The Daily Quote

"In blocking immigration reform in the House of Representatives, Republicans have frozen in place a system that much of the nation, and many in the GOP, regard as an exemplar of American dysfunction... On the one hand, GOP leaders in the House acknowledge the impossibility of deporting 11 million illegal immigrants, most of whom have been here for many years and are woven into the United States' workforce and communities. On the other hand, they are unwilling to embrace a solution — even the one approved by the Senate with bipartisan support — lest they risk a rupture with the party base... Republicans' refusal to reform a broken system has left the nation without good options."

- Washington Post, 3/23/2014